

Children in Nature Challenge Community Checklist

Group and/or Community Activities (100 point total)

(20 Point Activities)

- ☐ Create a community garden
- ☐ Create a Children's Garden
- ☐ Start a Community Farmers' Market
- ☐ Organize a Community Wide Physical Activity Challenges
- ☐ Build Outdoor Classrooms at One or More Day Care Facilities
- ☐ Build a Natural Play Area
- ☐ Children in Nature Day (Planned by a community to be held within the community)
- ☐ Partner with local DNR state parks or historic sites or Local MDC Nature Centers, interpretive sites or ranges for a Children in Nature Event
- ☐ Partner with local Parks Department for Children in Nature Event
- ☐ Other (Describe)

(10 Point Activities)

- ☐ Organize a County/City/Community Picnic
- ☐ Plan a Community Fishing Derby
- ☐ Native Tree Planting/Native Flower Garden Day
- ☐ Community Cleanup Day
- ☐ Bike to Work Week/Events
- ☐ Organize Community Walking or Running Clubs
- ☐ Media Campaign Encouraging Outdoor Play
- ☐ Other (Describe)

(5 point Activities)

- ☐ Community Walk/Run Events
- ☐ Plan a Hike Around Town Day
- ☐ Community Garden Days
- ☐ Organize Field Trips to Farms
- ☐ Participate in Green Hour (NWF)
- ☐ Bike Safety Classes
- ☐ Other (Describe)

Partner/Community Development (30 point total)

(20 Point Activities)

- ☐ Create Safe Outdoor Spaces
- ☐ Develop/Enhance Trails and Greenways
- ☐ Develop Park Archery Ranges
- ☐ Develop Nature Explore Classrooms
- ☐ Create Nature mentoring programs
- ☐ Organize a Health-Related Coalition in your Community
- ☐ Partner to offer Outdoor Youth Development Programs
- ☐ Other (Describe)

(10 Point Activities)

- ☐ Create Bluebird Box Trails
- ☐ Develop Story Walks related to your Community
- ☐ Community has a Livable Streets or Complete Streets Resolution or Ordinance
- ☐ Open Hours for using School Tracks/Playgrounds (joint-use agreements)
- ☐ Other (Describe)

Education/School-related Activities (20 point total)

(20 Point Activities)

MDC Discover Nature Schools

(<http://mdc.mo.gov/education/inside-classroom/discover-nature-schools>)

___ K-2 Unit (*See How the Turkey Grows*)

___ Elementary Unit (*Nature Unleashed: The Untamed World of Missouri*)

Ponds, Forests and Prairies)

___ Middle School Unit (*Conserving Missouri's Aquatic Ecosystems*)

___ High School Ecology Unit (*Nature Unbound: The Impact of Ecology on*

Missouri and the World)

___ Discover Nature Schools Field Experience (funded through MDC grant)

NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration <http://www.education.noaa.gov/>)

___ Outdoor activities/curriculum for schools

EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) <http://water.epa.gov/learn/resources/index.cfm>

___ Outdoor activities/curriculum for schools

___ Other

(10 Point Activities)

___ Activities Planned by Children in their Outdoor Classroom for the Community/Families

___ Extreme Health Challenge (from above)

___ Safe Routes to School Program (infrastructure or education/promotion Initiatives)

___ Outdoor Team Building Prevention Activities (ex-rocking climbing)

___ School Gardens

___ Other (Describe)

(5 Point Activities)

___ Before or After School Walking/Physical Activity Clubs

___ Community Involvement on a School's Outdoor Classroom Workday

___ PTO/PTA Meetings in outdoor Locations/School Outdoor Classroom

___ Other (describe)